

August 10, 2011

Dear Parents of Seventh Grade Drama Students,

My name is Holli Hutson and I am your student's teacher for Seventh Grade Drama this semester. I hold a Masters of Theater Education with an Emphasis in Dance from Antioch University in Ohio and a Bachelor in English from the University of TN at Chattanooga. Prior to teaching at East Hamilton, I taught acting classes and drama camps at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre and directed *The Hobbit* for Signal Mountain Christian School.

This semester your student will develop skills and attain knowledge about the Fundamentals of Acting, Creating Characters, Improvisation and Acting with the Script. Students will participate in an in class performance at the end of the semester. Further information will be sent home as the semester progresses. For Drama, students will need to bring to every class a drama folder with paper, pencils, and their agenda mate.

Grading will be the following for Seventh Grade Drama.

40% Teaching Assessment Tasks

Participation (based on student responsibility and effort rubric) and

Daily Work – 30%

Homework – 10%

Tardy to class – 10 pts off daily grade for that day

40% Performance Assessment Tests

20% Final Quarter Exam

The best way to reach me is by email at [HUTSON\\_H@hcde.org](mailto:HUTSON_H@hcde.org). My phone extension is 371, and the school phone number is 893-3535. My planning is during 4<sup>th</sup> Block 12:40-2:15. I look forward to a wonderful semester with your student!

Sincerely,

Ms. Holli Hutson  
*Middle School Theater Arts/High School Dance*  
*East Hamilton Middle/High School*